

Fair Political Practices Commission

Memorandum

To: Chairman Randolph, Commissioners Blair, Downey, Karlan, and Knox

From: Theis Finlev, Executive Fellow
Mark Krausse, Executive Director

Subject: Legislative Report

Date: January 27, 2005

The deadline for introductions is February 18th, and committee hearings will begin in early March.

<i>Action Items</i>		Bills Amending the PRA-Set for Hearing	
Bill No.	Author	Title	Introduced/Amended

SB 25 Ackerman Political Reform Act of 1974 1/19/05

This bill creates a presumption that a contribution received in response to a written solicitation from an elective state office candidate or his or her committee is received in response to that solicitation, for that candidate or committee or for the term of office specified in the solicitation. The bill states that it is declaratory of existing law; however, no such presumption currently exists. The bill also repeals two sections related to the now obsolete March state primary election. **Set for hearing: 2/2/05 9:30 am.- Room 3191, Senate Committee on Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments. Position: Oppose unless amended.**

<i>Informational Items</i>		Bills Amending the Political Reform Act	
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AB 16 Huff Campaign Contributions 12/6/04

This bill prohibits the Governor or a member of the Legislature from accepting any campaign contributions between the date of the May budget revision and the date of the enactment of the budget bill for the upcoming fiscal year. **In Assembly Elections. Position: Oppose unless amended.**

AB 40 Wolk Conflict of interest: lobbying interests 12/6/04

This bill prohibits lobbyists who contract with an elected state officer from lobbying that officer, his or her staff or the staff of any committee the member chairs, and requires notification to the Secretary of State by lobbyists who enter into a contractual agreement with an elected state officer. AB 40 also requires that any payment conditioned on the outcome of an election be disclosed in pre-election reports. **In Assembly Elections. Position: Oppose unless amended.**

SB 8 Soto Conflicts of interest 12/6/04

This bill extends the one-year post-governmental employment restrictions currently applicable to state public officials to local elected officials, county chief administrative officers, city managers or administrators, and special district general managers or chief administrators. **Introduced; awaiting assignment to Senate Elections. Position: Oppose unless amended.**

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Informational Items		Bills Amending the Political Reform Act (cont'd)	
Bill No.	Author	Title	Introduced/Amended

SB 11 Bowen Contributions: voting equipment manufacturers or vendors 12/6/04

This bill prohibits a candidate for elective state or local office from accepting any contributions from a manufacturer or vendor of voting equipment or systems. **Introduced; awaiting assignment to Senate Elections. Position: Oppose unless amended.**

SB 36 Florez 501(c)(4) issue advocacy disclosure 12/6/04

This bill would require nonprofit (501(c)(4)) organizations to file campaign disclosure reports as a recipient committee if they spend \$1,000 or more in a calendar year on advertisements that do not expressly advocate, but clearly identify a state candidate or a ballot measure. **Introduced; awaiting assignment to Senate Elections. Position: Oppose unless amended.**

SB 54 Ackerman Political Reform Act of 1974 1/14/05

Same as SB 25:

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Informational Items		Bills Not Amending the PRA	
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SB 18 Ortiz Reproductive health and research 12/6/04

This bill would declare that it is the intent of the Legislature that the Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee define which positions would be subject to the Political Reform Act and that the requirements for the reporting of economic interest be commensurate with those required of state agency appointees. **Introduced; awaiting assignment to committee.**

ACR 1 McLeod Proposition 71: stem cell research 12/6/04

This measure would urge the Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee established pursuant to Proposition 71 approved by the voters at the November 2, 2004, general election, to adopt robust conflict-of-interest standards for itself and for the members of its working groups, to comply with standards set forth in provisions of law relating to open meetings of public agencies and public records, and to report to the Legislature by April 1, 2005. **Introduced; awaiting assignment to committee.**